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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Charles Edward Bailey upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to the Fort Miller Reformed Church, Fort Edward, New York

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State are nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Reverend Charles Edward Bailey upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to the Fort Miller Reformed Church, Fort Edward, New York; his last Sunday Service will be April 27, 2014, and he will officially retire in May of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Charles E. Bailey was born September 29, 1940 in Logan, West Virginia, in the heart of coal mining country to parents who taught in the local schools; together with his sister, the family moved to Tucson, Arizona, but returned to West Virginia, during Charles' high school years; and

WHEREAS, After graduation in 1958, Charles E. Bailey attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, earning a master's degree in religion, was ordained in the American Baptist Church, and then earned a master's degree in history at Roosevelt University in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, It was there in a church where he served as a youth leader he met his future wife, Deborah McFarlen; after their marriage in 1968, the

couple moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, where Charles received a Ph.D. in European History from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, For his research, Charles and Deborah Bailey lived in Germany for a year, including two months in Berlin; he was one of the few Americans awarded the privilege of doing research at the Humbolt University in East Berlin, traveling daily through Checkpoint Charlie; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Charles E. Bailey accepted a position at Adirondack Community College and his wife taught French at Whitehall High School; at this time, he also began his service as the "stated supply" pastor of the Fort Miller Reformed Church in Fort Edward, New York; and

WHEREAS, Together, Charles and Deborah Bailey had three sons, all of whom graduated from Schuylerville Central School; and

WHEREAS, The Bailey family was privileged to take several sabbaticals in Europe including in Cambridge, Paris, Vienna, and the reunited Berlin; Charles continues in his role as Distinguished Professor of European History at SUNY Adirondack, having served as Department Chairman; he has also published numerous articles in a variety of journals; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their three sons, with them throughout have been their daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Charles E. Bailey has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Reverend Charles Edward Bailey upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to the Fort Miller Reformed Church, Fort Edward, New York, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Charles Edward Bailey.